(c) Kanpur (Chakeri) airport belongs to Indian Air Force (IAF). Airports Authority of India maintains a Civil Air Terminal and is planning to construct a new terminal building and car park area etc., subject to land being transfetred by IAF. The airport is suitable for Airbus type of aircraft. The National Aviation Company of India Limited presently has no plans to operate Airbus aircraft to Kanpur due to resource constraints.

(d) Night landing facility is available at Kanpur (Chakeri) airport.

Coochbehar Airport

1882. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coochbehar airport is ready for operations; and

(b) if not, the targeted date of operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The airport at Coochbehar has been declard operational for VER flights for aircraft upto ATR 42.

Functioning of non-registered companies

†1883. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of companies are functioning in the country, especially in Delhi, without registering themselves with Company Registrar;

(b) if so, whether it is compulsory for a company to get itself registered within the prescribed time period; and

(c) if so, the criteria prescribed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. For an entity to function as a company, it is necessary for such entity to be registered as a company with the Registrar of Companies under the Companies Act, 1956.

(c) Criteria for registration is laid down under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and rules and forms issued thereunder.

Fee collected under the Companies Act

1884. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total fee collected by his Ministry under the Companies Act, during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the expenses incurred under the Companies Act during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the expenses are not commensurate to the fee collections; and

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(d) if so, the reasons for not reducing the fee?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) The total fee collected by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs under the Companies Act, 1956 during the last three years, including the remittances under Section 205-C of the Act, is indicated below:

(*Rs. In crore*)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Receipts	474.31	728.22	1037.98

(b) The expenditure incurred by the Ministry during the last three years is as under:—

(*Rs. In crore*)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Expenditure	46.29	75.18	122.19

(c) and (d) The receipts include statutory fees and remittances under Section 205C of the Companies Act and Rules made thereunder. The fee receipts are also influenced by general economic activity in the country which may vary from time to time and thereby affect new Company registrations/capital investments. All the revenue receipts are credited to the Consolidated Fund of India. The expenditure for the administration of the Companies Act and other related corporate laws, future programmes relating to improvements in regulation and delivery of services including for developing requisite infrastructure/institutions/ regulatory structures, in keeping with the changes in the economy, has to be met from the Consolidated Fund of India regardless of whether this is more or less than the level of fees collected. As such, keeping the long-term perspective in view, a direct linkage between expenses and fees is not envisaged.

Ancient heritage at Mamallapuram Coast

†1885. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the archaeological heritage buried under land on Mamallapuram coast near Chennai has surfaced due to waves of Tsunami;

(b) whether it is a fact that above said ancient heritage is related with the age of Pallava dynasty;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether scientific investigation has been made about the antiquity of this heritage;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the arrangement made for care and maintenance of the said heritage at present?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. Three bas-reliefs, which were covered by sand, were re-exposed by the Tsunami waves at Mamallapuram coast near Chennai.

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